



# SCAC HOOPS WEEKLY

## MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

### SOUTHERN COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

NCAA Division III

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**2008 SCAC Men's Championship Tournament**  
[\(official website\)](#)

- February 29, March 1-2, 2008 (Fri-Sat-Sun)
- Hosted by Hendrix College, Conway, AR
- Eight Team Field, Single-elimination
- Qualify: Top four teams from each division
- Champion: SCAC automatic qualifier to NCAA Division III Championship

#### NCAA Championship Tournament

- First Round: March 5-7 (on campus)
- Second Round: March 7-8 (on campus)
- Sectionals: March 14-15 (on campus)
- Semifinals/Finals: March 21-22 (Salem, Va.)

#### 2006-07 SEASON REVIEW

**SCAC Champion**  
Centre College

#### NCAA Championship Participants

Centre College  
(lost in Second Round)  
DePauw University  
(lost in First Round)

#### WEB LINKS

[www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)  
[www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com)  
[www.scac-online.org/basketball\\_mens](http://www.scac-online.org/basketball_mens)  
[www.d3hoops.com](http://www.d3hoops.com)

**DECEMBER 3, 2007**

### CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Games through December 2 (Sunday)

EASTERN DIVISION	Conference			Overall			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Centre College	1	0	1.000	3	1	0.750	W3
Oglethorpe University	1	0	1.000	3	1	0.750	W2
Rhodes College	1	1	0.500	2	2	0.500	L1
DePauw University	0	1	0.000	4	1	0.800	L1
Sewanee-Univ. of the South	0	1	0.000	3	4	0.429	L3
*Birmingham-Southern	0	0	0.000	3	3	0.500	W1

WESTERN DIVISION	Conference			Overall			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Trinity University	2	0	1.000	6	0	1.000	W6
Southwestern University	2	0	1.000	3	2	0.600	W2
Millsaps College	1	0	1.000	4	1	0.800	W1
Hendrix College	0	1	0.000	4	1	0.800	L1
Austin College	0	2	0.000	2	4	0.333	L2
Colorado College	0	2	0.000	0	7	0.000	L7

\*BSC will not be eligible for the conference championship and all conference games against them will not count in the league standings.

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, December 3 – Sunday, December 9

#### Monday, December 3

Principia (Ill.) College @ Rhodes 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday, December 4

Free Will Baptist Bible (Tenn.) College @ Rhodes 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 5

Sewanee @ Piedmont (Ga.) College 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, December 6

University of Texas-Dallas @ Austin College 8 p.m.  
DePauw @ Wabash (Ind.) College 7:30 p.m.  
Emory (Ga.) University @ Oglethorpe 8 p.m.

#### Friday, December 7

Millsaps @ Pensacola Christian (Fla.) College 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, December 8

Western State College of Colorado @ Colorado College 2 p.m.  
University of the Ozarks (Ark.) @ Hendrix 4 p.m.  
Millsaps @ Huntingdon (Ala.) College 3 p.m.  
LaGrange (Ga.) College @ Oglethorpe 8 p.m.  
Sewanee @ Mercer (Ga.) University 4 p.m.  
Southwestern @ University of Dallas 5 p.m.

All times local

**SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS**

## 2007-08 MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1	Andrew King, Hendrix
Week 2	Mike Moore, DePauw
	Ben Pursell, Sewanee
Week 3	Matt Nestheide, Centre
Week 4	
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	
Week 8	
Week 9	
Week 10	
Week 11	
Week 12	
Week 13	

## SCAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Games of November 26 – December 2

**MATT NESTHEIDE OF CENTRE COLLEGE**, a 6-0, 170-pound senior guard from Edgewood, Ky., has been selected the SCAC Men's Basketball Player-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, November 26 through Sunday, December 2.

**Nestheide** averaged 16.0 points, 4.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists and a steal in two Colonels' wins last week.

In the 80-67 non-conference win over Berea on Tuesday, **Nestheide** scored 18 points, while adding six assists, five rebounds and a steal in 34 minutes of action. Four days later, the senior guard scored 14 points with four rebounds, three assists and a steal in a 78-64 win over previously unbeaten DePauw.

In the two games, **Nestheide** shot 54.5% (12-22) from the field, including 57.1% (4-7) from the three-point line while making all four free throw attempts. The senior currently leads the Colonels in scoring at 14.3 points per game (tied for 13th in the SCAC) through four games. He is tied for sixth in the league in assists (3.0 apg) and leads the SCAC in free throw percentage (100.0% - 11 of 11).

### Other outstanding performances in the SCAC:

Senior forward Rodney Rogan of Millsaps tied a career-high with 26 points on 9-of-11 shooting from the floor and 8-of-12 shooting from the charity stripe to hit the 1,000-point mark in his career and help the visiting Majors defeat Hendrix, 79-64, in the conference-opener for both teams. The senior from Houston scored 14 of his game-high 26 in the first half in 18 minutes of work to give Millsaps an 11-point lead heading into intermission. Rogan also grabbed eight boards and picked up a pair of dimes to add to his team-leading totals of 41 rebounds (8.2 per game) and 14 assists in the early going. Senior forward Matt Caplan of Southwestern helped to lead SU to a 2-0 start in SCAC play for just the second time in the last six seasons. In the Pirates' 65-44 win over Colorado College, Caplan posted his first double-double of the year, scoring 21 points on 8 of 14 shooting and pulling down 12 rebounds. He was also 5 of 9 from three-point range. The following night, Caplan again led the way on the boards with nine. He added seven points for SU in the 71-66 victory over Austin College. For the weekend, Caplan averaged 14.0 points and 10.5 rebounds per game, and also had three steals and a pair of blocks. Senior guard Craig Jackson of Oglethorpe averaged 17.5 points and 2.0 rebounds per game, hitting on 12 of 23 (52.2%) from the field including 50.0% (9-18) from three-point range as the Petrels went 2-0 to begin SCAC play. Junior guard Patrick Robinson of Trinity led the Tigers in opening up SCAC play with a pair of home victories last weekend, defeating both Austin College and Colorado College. Robinson averaged 12.5 points per game for the weekend, connecting on 10 of 16 from the field overall – including 5 of 10 three-point shots. Against Austin College on Friday, Robinson scored a career-high 18 points, hitting 7 of 11 from the field overall and 4 of 7 from three-point range. It was only his second double-digit scoring game of the season. His back-to-back threes to open up the second half turned a 16-point lead into a 22-point advantage on the first two possessions, effectively securing the win. For the season, Robinson is third on the team with 8.8 points per game and is shooting 51.2% (21-41) from the field. He has hit 8 of 22 three-point shots for a .364 percentage on the year. Junior forward Cory Smith of Rhodes, in helping the Lynx to an opening weekend road split, scored 26 points at Sewanee and also grabbed four rebounds in the 76-61 win. He was 7 of 14 from the field, which included 3 of 5 from the three-point line. In Sunday's loss to Oglethorpe, Smith scored 17 points on 6 of 11 shooting and also grabbed three rebounds. For the weekend, Smith scored 43 points and grabbed seven rebounds. He shot 48.1% (13 of 27) from the field, which included 44.4% (4 of 9) from three-point range. Junior forward Andrew King of Hendrix came two rebounds short of posting a pair of double-doubles this week. King totaled 17 points and eight rebounds against Central Baptist on Tuesday and added 15 points and 15 rebounds vs. Millsaps on Saturday. First-year forward Brady Ohlsen of Colorado College averaged 10.0 rebounds and 7.5 points per game in losses at Southwestern and Trinity. His 11 rebounds at Trinity was his second game with 10+ rebounds. Ohlsen has led Colorado College in rebounding five times and has tied for the team lead twice. He leads CC in rebounding and blocked shots, and is third in scoring. Sophomore guard Kola Alade of Austin College averaged 19.3 points and 6.0 rebounds per game while shooting 44.9% from the field, and posted averages of 18.5 points and 8.0 rebounds in the 'Roos first two conference games of the season. Alade had 21 points and five assists in a win over Dallas Christian, and finished off the week with a 23-point, nine-rebound effort in a loss to Southwestern. Birmingham-Southern, DePauw and Sewanee did not nominate anyone for the award.

**RESULTS***Games of November 26 – December 2***Monday, November 26**Austin College 85, Dallas Christian 72  
Trinity 66, Hardin-Simmons 64**Tuesday, November 27**Hendrix 91, Central Baptist 79  
Regis 84, Colorado College 56  
Centre 80, Berea 67**Friday, November 30****OGLETHORPE 75, B'HAM-SOUTHERN 70**  
**TRINITY 87, AUSTIN COLLEGE 60**  
**RHODES 76, SEWANEE 61**  
**SOUTHWESTERN 65, COLO. COLLEGE 44****Saturday, December 1****CENTRE 78, DEPAUW 64**  
**MILLSAPS 79, HENDRIX 64**  
**SOUTHWESTERN 71, AUSTIN COLLEGE 66****Sunday, December 2****TRINITY 59, COLO. COLLEGE 40**  
**B'HAM-SOUTHERN 60, SEWANEE 54**  
**OGLETHORPE 92, RHODES 71****SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS**

D3hoops.com ranking noted when applicable

**AROUND THE SCAC**

**Austin College** defeated Dallas Christian 85-72 on Monday before dropping two conference games against Trinity and Southwestern. The 'Roos managed to shoot just 29.5% (18-61) against Trinity while allowing the Tigers to hit 55.4% (31-56) from the field. Kola Alade had a team-high 23 points on Saturday and Austin led 32-30 at the half, but the 'Roos shot just 35.5% in the second half and dropped a 71-66 decision to Southwestern. Alade, who has led the team in scoring in four of six games, is averaging 18.5 points per game (fourth in the SCAC). The 'Roos host University of Texas-Dallas on Thursday.

**Birmingham-Southern** split a pair of road games against SCAC opponents this week to move its record to 3-3 on the season. The Panthers lost to Oglethorpe, 75-70 on Friday but rebounded for a 60-54 win over Sewanee on Sunday afternoon. Daniel Hudson led BSC with 11 points versus OU followed by Jordan Schultz with 10 points and seven rebounds. Mark Messenger added nine points and seven rebounds. Austin Thames scored a career-high 16 points to lead BSC over Sewanee on Sunday. Aaron Parr had 11 points and Wil Gilmore had a team-high seven rebounds. The Panthers will take time off for final exams before returning to action against Southeastern Bible College on Saturday, December 15 in Bill Battle Coliseum.

After dropping its first game of the season, **Centre** has reeled off three straight wins, including a non-conference 80-67 win over Berea and an SCAC-opening game win over DePauw last week. Centre shot 50.9% (27-53) against Berea and remained undefeated against the Mountaineers during the SCAC era at 8-0. Centre then defeated previously unbeaten DePauw for the seventh time in the last nine meetings by the score of 78-64 in the SCAC-opener for both teams. The Colonels shot 54.2% (32-59) against the Tigers while forcing 24 turnovers. Four Centre starters averaged double figures on the week, led by Matt Nestheide's 16.0 points per game. Thomas Britt (15.0), T.C. Thomason (15.0), and Danny Noll (14.0) also averaged at least 10 points per game last week. The Colonels will take the week off from game competition for finals and then return to action Wednesday, Dec. 12 to host Cincinnati-Clermont in a non-conference contest.

**Colorado College** dropped to 0-7 overall with a non-conference loss to Regis (84-56) on Tuesday and weekend SCAC losses to Southwestern (65-44) and Trinity (59-40). On Friday against Southwestern, Nate Brodman became the 31st player in school history to eclipse 700 career points and now ranks 29th with 728. He is also seventh with 139 three-point buckets. Kyle Keefe broke into the school's top 20 over the weekend with 128 career assists. The Tigers will play their fourth game against a Division II opponent on Saturday against Western State College.

**DePauw** dropped its first game of the season and its fifth straight game at Centre, losing 78-64 to the Colonels. Stephen Schott scored the first six points of the second half to trim Centre's lead to 42-38, but the Colonels scored eight straight at the beginning of a 25-10 stretch which extended the lead to 19. DePauw got no closer than 10 the rest of the way. Steve Lemasters paced DePauw with a game-high 17 and knocked down four three-pointers. Schott followed with 13 and Mike Moore added 12 and five assists. Schott and Brian Oilar each had five rebounds. The Tigers travel to Wabash on Thursday, December 6, for a 7:30 p.m. contest.

**Hendrix** split a pair of contests this week. The Warriors defeated Central Baptist College, 91-79, Tuesday night and fell to Millsaps College, 79-64, Saturday afternoon. Hendrix improved to 4-0 with its win against Central Baptist. The Warriors hadn't opened a season with four straight wins since the 1996-97 campaign. Hendrix was paced by sophomore Justin Avery with 20 points, while junior David Foley added 16 points on 7-of-12 shooting from the field. Junior Andrew King posted game-highs in rebounds (17) and assists (8), while Warner finished the game with nine points on 3-of-4 shooting from behind the arc. Hendrix fell to 4-1 in its SCAC season opener to Millsaps. The Majors jumped out to a five-point advantage with 15:11 left in the first half and would not let its lead slip under that margin for the remainder of the contest. The Warriors were led by Foley with 16 points, while King posted a double-double with 15 points and 15 rebounds.

**NATIONAL, REGIONAL POLLS**

**D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25**

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Poll	Date	Team	Rank
Pre	O29	Centre.....	RV
		DePauw.....	RV
1	N27	DePauw.....	RV
		Centre.....	RV
		Trinity.....	RV

**NCAA DIVISION III SOUTH REGION POLL**

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Poll	Date	Team	Rank
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*For complete team and individual statistics and box scores for all games, click to the official website of SCAC Men's Basketball:*

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**AROUND THE SCAC**

**Millsaps** senior forward Rodney Rogan tied a career-high with 26 points on 9-of-11 shooting to hit the 1,000-point mark in his career and help the Majors top homestanding Hendrix College in the conference-opener for both teams, 79-64. The Majors led by as many as 19 late in the second half on a season-high 58 percent shooting in addition to scoring 20 points off 17 Warrior turnovers in the contest. Senior forward Edrick Montgomery also had a team-high nine rebounds as he became the 33rd player to reach 500 career rebounds in SCAC history. Millsaps will continue a stretch of four-straight road games this weekend, taking on Pensacola Christian and Huntingdon College.

**Oglethorpe** opened SCAC play with a perfect 2-0 weekend. The Petrels defeated Birmingham-Southern, 75-70, on Friday and Rhodes, 92-71, on Sunday. It is the third time in five years that OU has opened 2-0 – but the two previous times did not result in winning conference seasons. In 2003-04, Coach Phil Ponder's first year as head coach, OU started 3-0 in SCAC play, but finished 6-8. In 2005-06, the Petrels also started conference play with three straight wins, but finished 5-9. Oglethorpe has averaged 92.7 points in its last three games against Rhodes – all wins. The Petrels currently lead the league in scoring, averaging 84.8 points per game. OU averaged a SCAC-best 80.9 points per game a year ago.

**Rhodes** picked up a conference split in its opening weekend of SCAC play, defeating Sewanee 76-61 on Friday before dropping a 92-71 decision to Oglethorpe on Sunday. It is the third straight year the Lynx have started 1-1 in conference play. Cory Smith averaged 21.5 points and 3.5 rebounds per game and had 26 in Friday's win against Sewanee. He shot 48.1% for the weekend. Jared Hoskins poured in 23.0 points per game. Rhodes, which finished seventh in the league in scoring last year (66.2 ppg) is averaging a healthy 82.5 points per game (second in the league).

**Sewanee** is 3-4 after dropping a pair this weekend to Rhodes and Birmingham-Southern. The Tigers will face Piedmont on Wednesday and Division I Mercer this weekend. Senior Ben Pursell is leading the conference in scoring and is second in rebounds. He is also on top in the SCAC in field goal percentage (62.2%).

**Southwestern** posted a 2-0 record on the week as the Pirates opened SCAC play with two wins for just the second time in the last six seasons. On Friday, SU downed Colorado College by a score of 65-44. Senior Matt Caplan had a big night, scoring 21 points and grabbing 12 rebounds for the team's first double-double of the year. The next night, SU got a 71-66 win over Austin College with help from Mike Powell's career-high 24 points. The Pirates turned the ball over just 13 times against the relentless pressure from the Roos defense. The Pirates have one game this coming week, a road contest at the University of Dallas on Saturday.

**Trinity** remained unbeaten with a pair of lopsided wins to open its SCAC schedule over the weekend. The team's 6-0 start is the third-best under Coach Cunningham, and the best since a 7-0 beginning to the 2003-04 season. The Tigers defeated Austin College 87-60 in the largest offensive output of the season. TU held Austin College under 30% shooting for the game, hitting over 55% from the field themselves. Patrick Robinson turned in a career-high 18 points in the game, hitting 4-7 from three-point range and 7-11 overall. B.J. Moon and Luke Calderera added 12 points each, and Charles Houston finished with seven points and a team-high eight rebounds. On Sunday afternoon against Colorado College, Trinity used a 17-0 run from the end of the first half to the beginning of the second to take a 10-point lead with just over 16 minutes left in the game. Houston and Moon tied for the team lead with 14 points each, while Mike Gilb finished with nine points and six rebounds. Calderera and Jonathan Lewis also had six boards each. Trinity will not play again until December 17 against Carthage College, and December 18 against California State University-East Bay. The games will be in Georgetown, Texas, in the Southwestern/Trinity Finals Classic. The Tigers have not faced Carthage since a 74-51 loss in the 1992-93 season. This will be the first meeting against Cal. State-East Bay for Trinity.